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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Story, et al.

Application No: 09/222,336

Filed: December 28, 1998

For: LICENSE MANAGEMENT FOR DIGITAL
CONTENT

Examiner: Y. Retta

Art Unit: 2162

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2001, please enter this amendment and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Four Times Amended) A method comprising:

creating a first license having a first cardinality, wherein the cardinality indicates the number of playback devices that can be authorized for playback of associated digital audio content, the license created by a license management device;

transmitting, via a network connection, the first license to a first set of playback devices, wherein the first set of playback devices is less than or equal to the first cardinality;